

(NOTE : WITHIN NR  
SAVAGE HISTORIC DISTRICT)

HO-522  
The Savage Mill Company Store  
Savage  
Private

circa 1878

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It is a five bay wide, two bay deep, two story high, gabled roof (running east-west) brick (laid in English garden wall brick bond, with the south facade laid in Flemish bond) building, which has been covered with cement around its entire first floor.

Fenestration for the building is vertically aligned and before various alterations on the first floor occurred, proportionally scaled. All first floor windows and second floor west wall windows are rectangular and double hung, holding four-over-four lights, underlined by projecting wooden sills.

All other second floor windows are surmounted by cemented in fanlights, decorated by stretcher brick roman arched lintels.

Rectangular, first floor entrances, are located in the central and end bays of the east facade. They are flanked by fluted pilasters, surmounted by flat wooden lintels, crowned by a cornice, decorated by scalloped edging. Similar, central, second floor entrances are located on the north and south walls of the building.

Used by the Savage Mill as a Company Store, it now houses some eight apartments.

# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

HO-522  
Dist 6

MACT # 1405221011

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC The Savage Mill General Store

AND/OR COMMON

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 8520 Commercial Street

CITY, TOWN Savage

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 6th

STATE Maryland

COUNTY Howard

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

#### CATEGORY

☒ DISTRICT  
☐ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

#### OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH  
**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**  
☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

#### STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☒ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

#### PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☒ OTHER Apt. House

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Mr. & Mrs. Bourough Storch

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER 8930 Baltimore Street

CITY, TOWN Savage

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code MD 20863

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, Tax Map 47, p. 453  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Hall of Records

Liber #: 212  
Folio #: 154

STREET & NUMBER Howard County Court House

CITY, TOWN Ellicott City

STATE Maryland

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Howard County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE 1978-1979

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN 21 State Circle, Annapolis

STATE Maryland

**7 DESCRIPTION**HO-522  
Dist. 6

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE _____

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Savage Mill Company Store faces east in the middle of the side of Commercial Street, between Washington and Baltimore Streets, presently housing eight apartments.

It is a five bay wide, two bay deep, two story high, gabled roof (running east-west) brick (laid in English Garden wall brick bond with the south facade laid in Flemish bond) building, with a four bay wide, one room deep, one story high, shed roofed, brick (covered with cement) building, housing two of the eight apartments, resting on a stone foundation and extending northward, from the northwest corner of the main building. This section features rectangular east entrances in its end bays and one story high shed roofed, kitchen end additions, one bay wide and one bay deep, composed of cinder block, covered with cement, constructed along the end bays of its west wall. This section was once used as a warehouse for the Savage Mill Company Store. Square brick chimneys are inset into the joining inside corners of these kitchen additions.

Two similar, one story high, two bay wide, two bay deep, shed roofed kitchen additions have also been constructed along the two north and south end bays of the main building's west wall. They feature rectangular north and south entrance doors in the west bays of their north and south walls and tall, central, exterior square, cement covered, chimneys on their west walls.

The fenestration on the back of the west wall of the Savage Mill Company Store was originally proportionally scaled. It features vertically aligned, rectangular double-hung second floor windows, holding four-over-four lights, surmounted by flat arched, stretcher brick lintels and underlined by projecting wooden sills. The first floor of this entire building has seen such alteration that it is difficult to discern the original stylistic elements. There is evidence, however, that two first floor windows, similar to those described, were placed on the north and south walls of the building.

The building features rectangular, double-hung, four-over-four light, second floor windows, on these elevations which flank central rectangular, second floor entrances, approached by fire escapes. These second floor windows, along with the five second floor windows located on the front facade of the building, are similar to those described on their west elevation, but are surmounted by stretcher brick, roman arched lintels, whose former transoms or paneled insets, placed between the lintel and window they decorate, have been cemented in. Attic fanlights inset into the "A" formed by the gable on the north and south elevations are also cemented in. They are decorated with stretcher brick, arched lintels.

Three rectangular entrances on the east facade are located in the central and end bays. They are flanked by fluted pilasters and surmounted by flat wooden lintels, crowned by a cornice underlined by a scalloped edging. Cement stoops, composed of five poured-in-place cement steps and landing, flanked by an iron railing, lead to each entrance. That located in the central bay has steps on its north and south sides leading to the landing, while those located in the north and south bays have steps on the south and north side of the landing respectively.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES      circa 1871

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Savage Mill General Store is significant to Howard County, the State of Maryland, and the United States in five areas.

First, it is architecturally representative of the romanesque revival which was developing in the United States at this time. Secondly, it is of historical interest in the field of industry as an integral part of the operation of the Savage Mill, one of the oldest textile mills in Maryland. Thirdly, it is of interest in the field of community planning, which was undertaken by the Savage Mill under the management of William H. Baldwin, Jr., sometime after 1847 when the entire operation was acquired by him from the heirs of John Savage of Philadelphia, who funded the company in the early 1820's. The development of commerce in the State and nation is also an area of significance. This general store was an extension of the well established Baltimore dry goods marketing company of Mr. Baldwin, the owner of the Savage Mill in 1847. This operation, although conducted under the Savage Mill, was sure to have benefitted by the existence of Mr. Baldwin's Baltimore establishment. Fifth and last, the building was used as a meeting place for the Methodists until 1871.

Architecturally, the Savage Mill General Store is representative of the Romanesque Revival as exemplified in the second floor roman arched, window and door lintels. In addition, the building is quite unique in the old mill town, whose other buildings are of a basic Federal type, uniform in overall stylistic detail and structural appearance, with rectangular entrance doors and fenestration.

The Savage Mill General Store is also an example of how American industrialists expanded their operations into the area of supportive services for its employees. The textile industry required specialized skills. Workers might train for specific jobs for some three years. After such an internship, workers were valuable human resources and were given every encouragement to remain with the industrial establishment. It was for this reason that residential buildings were constructed and services, such as a general store (essentially a dry goods and grocery store) were provided. Later, a Masonic Hall was constructed in 1897 to provide a social focal point for the community, and in 1921, the Carroll Baldwin Memorial Hall, HO-214, for the same purpose.

Savage had its own early water and electrical supply, as well as its own garbage disposal. It was essentially a model community with two mansion houses, the owner's on Washington Street, HO-218, and the Manager's, HO-220, on Fair and Baltimore Streets. Needless to say, the General Store served as an additional focal point, doing a thriving business and is sure to have added to the coffers of its owners.

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The third area of significance, that of community planning, is closely related to the second, that of the development of industry in the United States. Without the existence of the Savage Mill, and other industry like it, which required skilled employees, living within walking radius of work, it is doubtful if this community, or similar mill towns, would have been planned and constructed. The need to provide housing and services to encourage employment on a continuing basis stemmed from the development of the industry itself. Such a need led to planned community development, or milltowns, usually constructed in the grid plan, as we see in Savage, where Baltimore and Washington Streets run parallel to one another, connected by Fair, Commercial and Foundry Streets. A general Store provided easy access to the necessities of life, bolts of dry goods to provide clothing and food for nourishment. Savage Mill General Store was an integral part of the planned services for the community.

The fourth area of significance, that of the development of commerce, is closely allied with the second and third areas. Commerce developed to fill the need of the consumer for goods and services. The development of the Savage Mill led to a need for residential buildings to house Savage Mill employees and to the need for planned community development. This provided a consumer market. Such developments created an impetus for the natural expansion of the Savage Mill into commerce, to provide those consumers with goods and services. The Savage Mill General Store is an example of how naturally American commerce developed, as American industry and more densely populated areas within the State and Nation developed.

Last, the Savage Mill General Store is noted by Mrs. Filby in her booklet, Savage, Maryland, as serving as the meeting place for the Methodists of Savage until 1871, when Grace Church on Baltimore Street was constructed by a part of the congregation. The rest continued to meet at the company store until 1888, when the original part of the present Methodist Church was constructed by the Baldwin family.

For these reasons, the Savage Mill General Store is of outstanding significance to Howard County, the State of Maryland and the Nation and as part of the Savage Mill Historic District, is designated on the National Register of Historic Places.

## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Hopkin's Atlas of 1878

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

Lot 6 + improvements, Tax Map 47  
Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Howard County Land Records, Liber 212 Folio 154

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE Maryland

COUNTY Howard

STATE \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Office of Planning & Zoning-Comprehensive Planning Section

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

STREET & NUMBER

3450 Court House Drive

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

CITY OR TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

SAVAGE PARK

HO-42  
District Boundary

COMMERCIAL

FOUNDRY

STREET

BALTIMO

★  
220

221

223

224

FAIR  
ST

222

522

★ ★ ★ ★ ★  
225

214

BALDWIN  
COMMON

WILLIAMS  
ST

219

218

★  
WASHINGTON

215

216

STREET

SAVAGE

★  
217

★  
213

RACE

SAVAGE

Scale, 1"=200'

RAILROAD

Historic Monument  
BOLLMAN TRUSS BRIDGE  
HO 81

ROAD

BLVD.

BY:

[ C. 1820 to 1.

] 1879 to 1940

] 1941 to

== Historic District Boundaries

THE NEWS LEADER, Laurel, Maryland, Thursday, April 17, 1975

SAVAGE HISTORIC DISTRICT

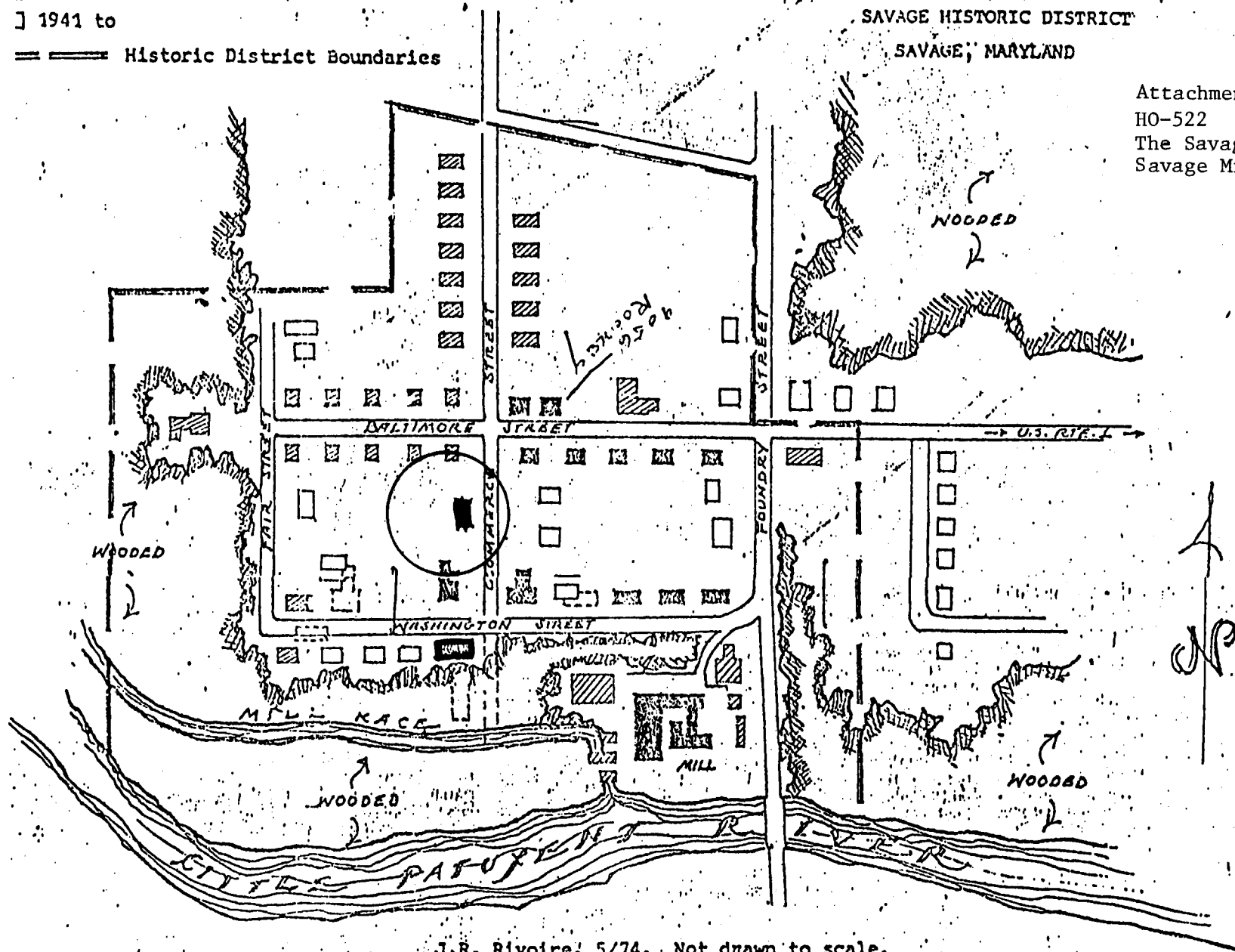
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Attachment 4

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The Savage Mill General Store

Savage Mill Historic District

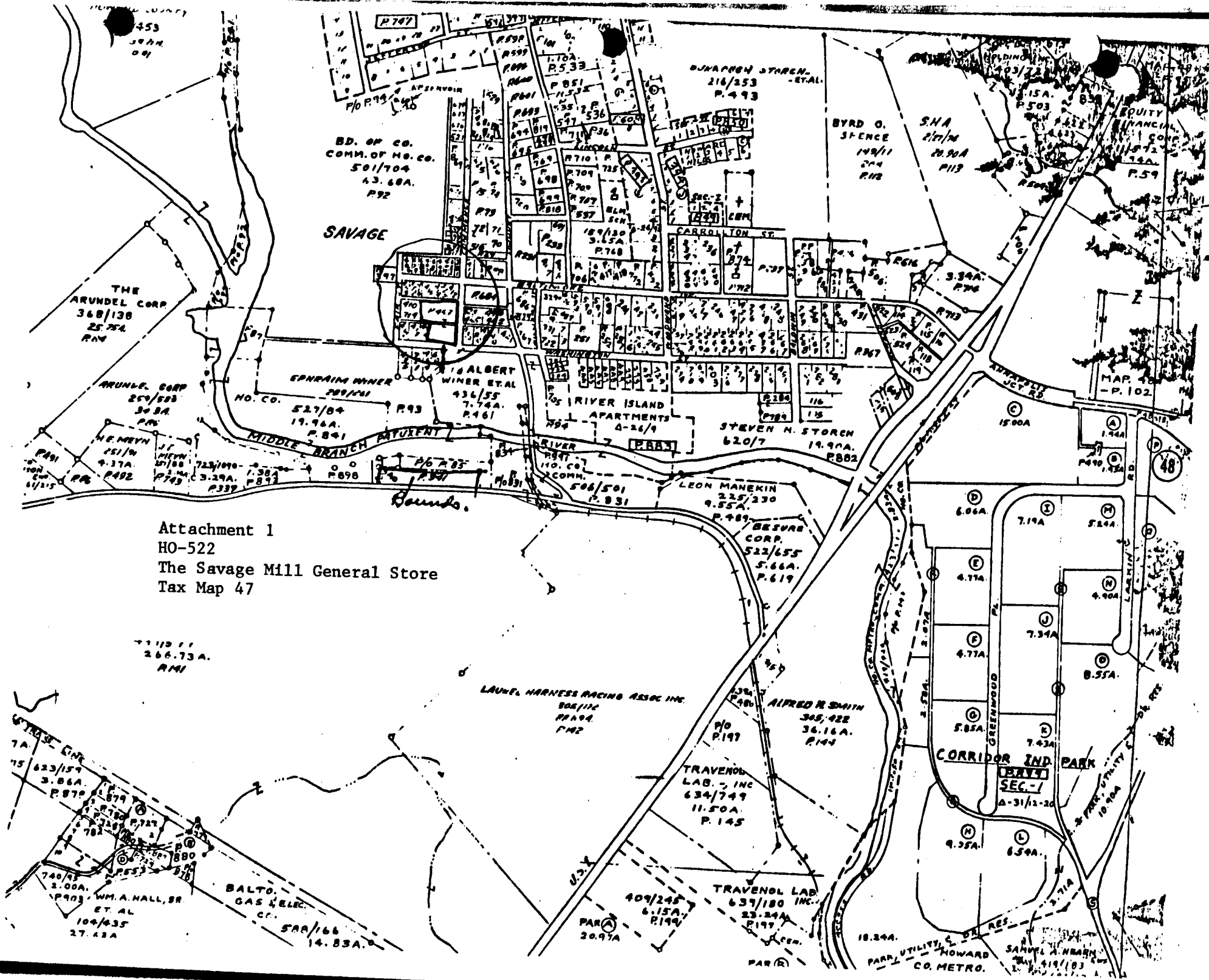


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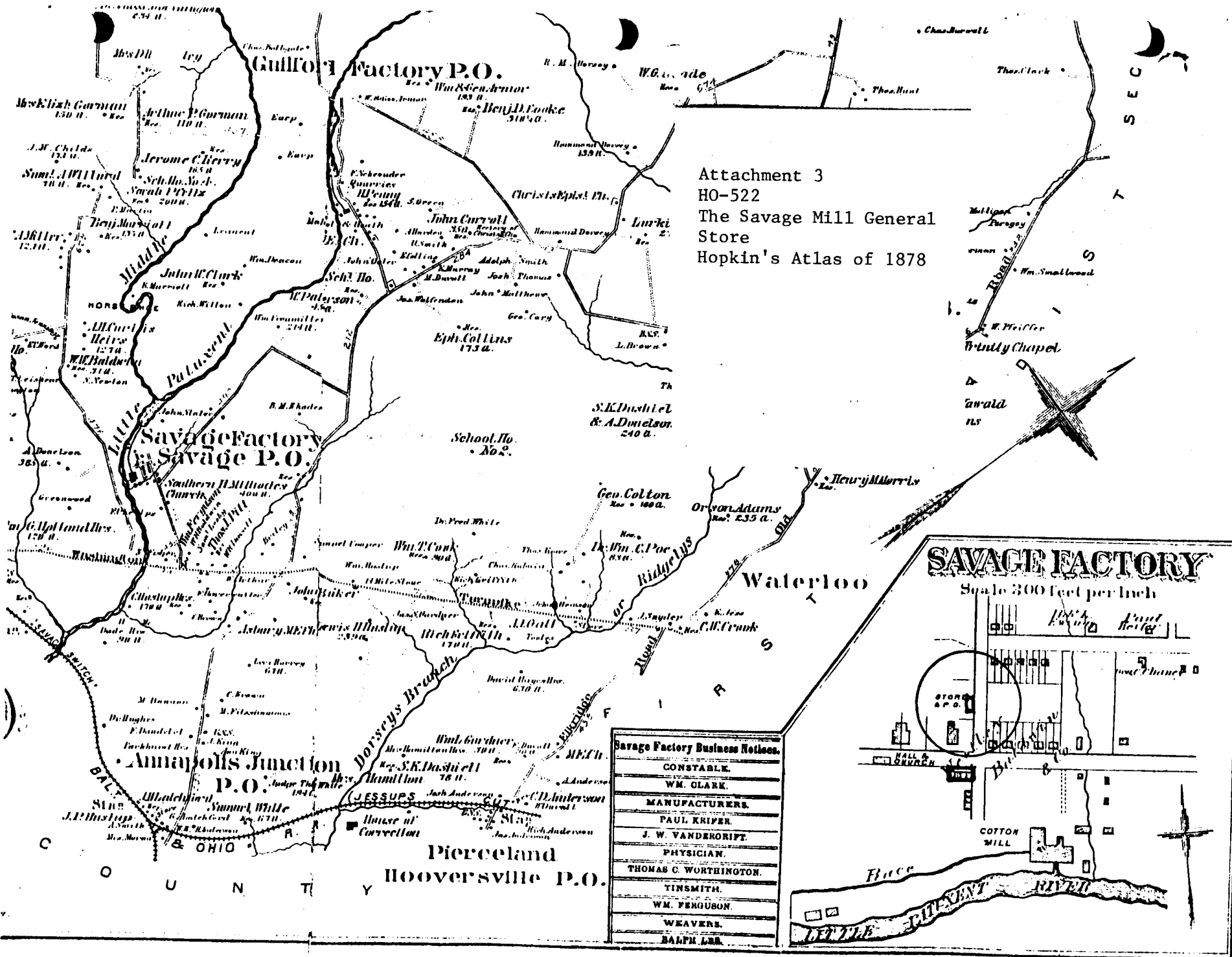
## Savage Mill District Gets National Designation

in Maryland Historical Places. The district includes the National Center for the Savage Mill Historic District.





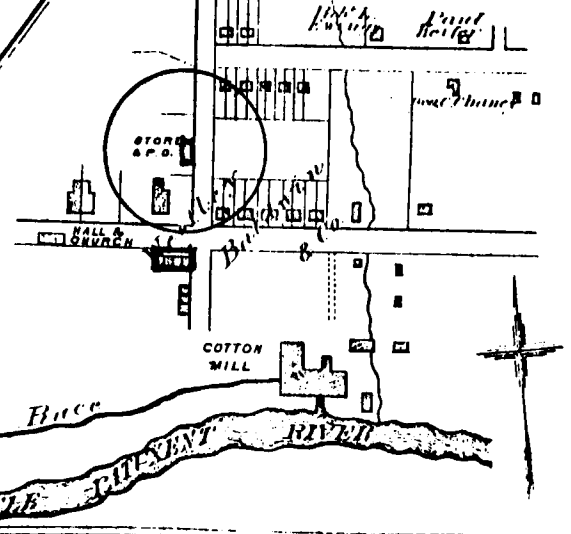
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Tax Map 47



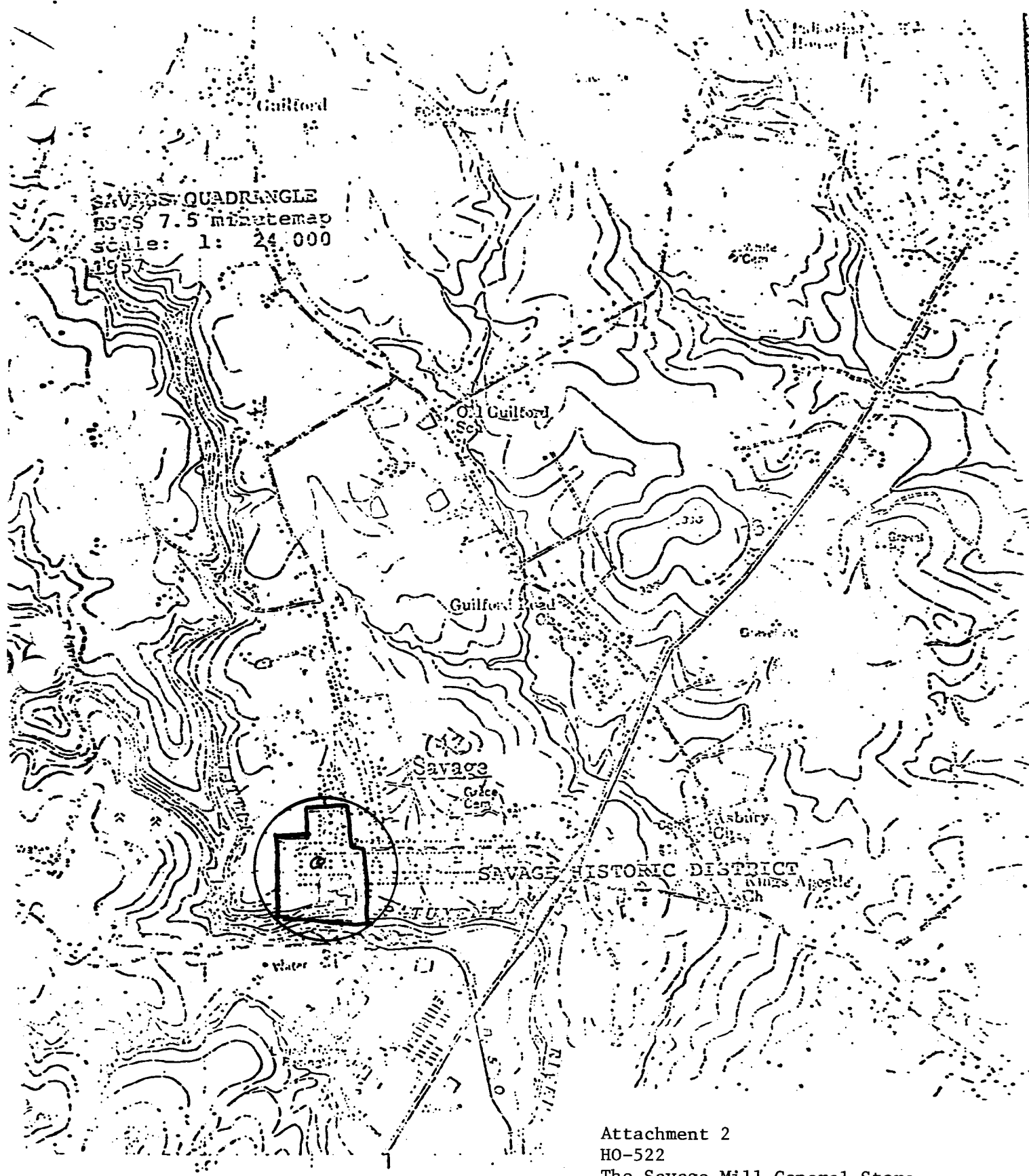
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Hopkin's Atlas of 1878

# SAVAGE FACTORY

Scale 300 feet per inch



Savage Factory Business Notices.	
CONSTABLE.	WM. CLARK.
MANUFACTURERS.	PAUL KRIVER.
PHYSICIAN.	J. W. VANDERKRIFF.
TINSMITH.	THOMAS C. WORTHINGTON.
WEAVERS.	WM. FERGUSON.
	RALPH LEE.



Attachment 2  
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The Savage Mill General Store  
U. S. Geological Survey Map  
Savage, Maryland Quadrangle



HD-522  
THE SAUSAGE MILL GENERAL STORE  
NORTHEAST

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